

In response, Applicants elect Dicyandiamide for component (A),  $\text{Sr}(\text{NO}_3)_2$  for component (B) and  $\text{MnO}_2$  having a surface area of not less than  $50 \text{ m}^2/\text{g}$  for component (C). This election of species is made with traverse.

Applicants traversal is based on the fact that the Examiner has not shown there would be an undue burden to examine all of claims 1-31. According to MPEP §803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without a serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. The Examiner has not provided any evidence that an examination of the entire scope of claims 1-31 would be an undue burden. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner examines the entire scope of claims 1-31.

However, should the Examiner find that the elected components (A), (B) and (C) are allowable, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 contains a reasonable number of additional species to expand the search in accordance with MPEP §809.02 (c)(B).

Early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.


Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Dr. Garth M. Dahlen (Reg. No. 43,575) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview

in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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